

St. Andrew's Times

February 2024

ST ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Lord Turns Our Darkness Into Light.

A guiding lighthouse and saving station to our Community, Nation, and World!



MISSION STATEMENT: "To know Jesus Christ and to make Him known as Savior and Lord"

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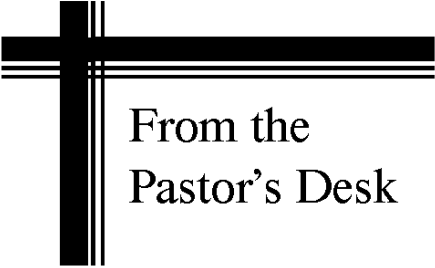
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SCRIPTURE READING

- February 1 - Day 32 - Luke 23:1-25; Genesis 41; Psalm 32
- February 2 - Day 33 - Luke 23:26-56; Genesis 42; Psalm 33
- February 3 - Day 34 - Luke 24:1-12; Genesis 43; Psalm 34
- February 4 - Day 35 - Luke 24:13-53; Genesis 44; Psalm 35
- February 5 - Day 36 - Hebrews 1; Genesis 45:1-46:27; Psalm 36
- February 6 - Day 37 - Hebrews 2; Genesis 46:28-47:31; Psalm 37
- February 7 - Day 38 - Hebrews 3:1-4:13; Genesis 48; Psalm 38
- February 8 - Day 39 - Hebrews 4:14-6:12; Genesis 49:1-50:26; Psalm 39
- February 9 - Day 40 - Hebrews 6:13-20; Exodus 1:1-2:25; Psalm 40
- February 10 - Day 41 - Hebrews 7; Exodus 3:1-4:31; Psalm 41
- February 11 - Day 42 - Hebrews 8; Exodus 5:1-6:27; Proverbs 1
- February 12 - Day 43 - Hebrews 9:1-22; Exodus 6:28-8:32; Proverbs 2
- February 13 - Day 44 - Hebrews 9:23-10:18; Exodus 9:1-10:29; Proverbs 3
- February 14 - Day 45 - Hebrews 10:19-39; Exodus 11:1-12:51; Proverbs 4
- February 15 - Day 46 - Hebrews 11:1-22; Exodus 13:1-14:31; Proverbs 5
- February 16 - Day 47 - Hebrews 11:23-40; Exodus 15; Proverbs 6:1-7:5
- February 17 - Day 48 - Hebrews 12; Exodus 16:1-17:16; Proverbs 7:6-27
- February 18 - Day 49 - Hebrews 13; Exodus 18:1-19:25; Proverbs 8
- February 19 - Day 50 - Matthew 1; Exodus 20:1-21:36; Proverbs 9
- February 20 - Day 51 - Matthew 2; Exodus 22:1-23:33; Proverbs 10
- February 21 - Day 52 - Matthew 3; Exodus 24; Proverbs 11
- February 22 - Day 53 - Matthew 4; Exodus 25-27; Proverbs 12
- February 23 - Day 54 - Matthew 5:1-20; Exodus 28:1-29:46; Proverbs 13
- February 24 - Day 55 - Matthew 5:21-48; Exodus 30-32; Proverbs 14
- February 25 - Day 56 - Matthew 6:1-18; Exodus 33:1-34:35; Proverbs 15
- February 26 - Day 57 - Matthew 6:19-34; Exodus 35:1-36:38; Proverbs 16
- February 27 - Day 58 - Matthew 7; Exodus 37:1-38:31; Proverbs 17
- February 28 - Day 59 - Matthew 8:1-13; Exodus 39:1-40:38; Proverbs 18
- February 29 - Day 60 - Matthew 8:14-34; Leviticus 1-2; Proverbs 19

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From the Pastor's Desk

Some wandered in desert wastelands,
finding no way to a city where they could settle.
They were hungry and thirsty,
and their lives ebbed away.
Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
—Psalm 107:4-6

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.
—St. Augustine

Every year, we hear of devastating disasters and humanitarian crises occurring around our planet. Some brought on by natural causes like hurricanes, floods and earthquakes. While others are due solely to human conflict and sin, such as terrorism and wars. And very often, after these people around the globe respond with an outpouring of compassion, service and generous giving (sometimes amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars). In addition to monetary gifts, often a large number of volunteers come forward to provide care for victims.

It's no mystery as to why we respond with such generosity. After all, in today's world of live, you-are-there news coverage, we can witness the suffering and pain caused by these calamities. We can watch as television cameras bring us image after heart-rending image.

Now those images appear on our TV or computer screen only for a minute or two, but we understand the suffering they represent will go on long after the cameras and reporters have departed. But having glimpsed their pain, we are moved by compassion. Compassion that compels us to reach out and do something to help. As believers and as human beings, when we see people in desperate trouble, we want to come to their assistance. We give. We volunteer. We fly to the aid of those in need. We reach out and say, "Take my hand. You're not alone. Help is here."

Of course, human suffering isn't limited to disasters or faraway countries. Every day we're surrounded by people who are hurting. Our communities, our neighborhoods, our schools, our workplaces are filled with people who are crying for help. Children who have been neglected or abused or forgotten. Teenagers who fear they have no future and see little reason to go on living. People grieving over the loss of loved ones. Individuals who are out of work, out of resources, and out of hope. People so afflicted by such physical ills that they are never without pain. Elderly people who have outlived lifelong friends and now feel like strangers living in a strange land. The walking wounded who are so hungry for emotional and relational support that at times they feel like spiritual skeletons.

Now no newspaper or magazine reports the suffering of these people. No television camera records images of the devastation they've experienced. No microphone relays their cries for help. But their pain is real nonetheless.

Fortunately, there is One whose eye sees their troubles and whose ear hears their silent cries for help. There is a Lord whose arm is not too short to save, reaching out to deliver them from their distress.

And there is a Savior who calls his people to go and do likewise. A Redeemer who continually reminds his followers that what they do to the least of these, they do to Him.

As Christians, the Spirit has given us eyes to see the misery and want that surrounds us. The Lord of Love has graced us with ears to hear the sighs and quiet cries for help that can be heard in every town and on every street corner. So that, moved by compassion, we too will respond as surely and as certainly as our Lord. In the name of Jesus, may we reach to a desperate and lonely planet and say, "Take our hand. You're not alone. Help is here."

Increase the Peace!



Panther Packs Ministry

The Central Pennsylvania Food Bank continues to serve more than 10,000 children annually in partnership with over 100 Backpack agencies throughout central Pennsylvania. As part of the ministry of St. Andrew's, we continue to serve about 250 students each week.

It cannot be said enough, "Thank you" for your support of this vital ministry. Whether you volunteer as a helper to pack bags, order food, pray for the children and meals, donate... you are a Blessing to this ministry and the children of our community.

There is still time to help with the packing in this school year. Here are the packing details for next four months packing:

Month	# of Wks.	Prepack (1:00)	Set Up (1:00)	Packing (6:00)	School Pick Ups
February	5	1/23/2024	1/30/2024	1/31/2024	2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29
March	4	2/27/2024	3/5/2024	3/6/2024	3/7, 14, 21, 26
April	4	3/26/2024	4/2/2024	4/3/2024	4/4, 11, 18, 23
May	5	4/23/2024	4/30/2024	5/1/2024	5/2, 9, 16, 23, 28

Come and join in on the fun.

Panther Packs, showing the love of Christ through one meal at a time.

Panther Packs Committee



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date:	Details:	Time:
Feb 4	Progressive Dinner	5-8pm
Feb 11	Canceled (Super Bowl)	
Feb 17	Bowling	Details Coming
Feb 18	No Youth	
Feb 25	Regular Youth	6-8pm

****Safe Sanctuary
Approved Volunteers
Needed****



<https://www.remind.com/join/9228b7>

ANNIVERSARIES

DORMAN, SANDRA & KENNETH	3
EVANS, HARRY & SHEILA	8
BLANTON, RODNEY & JULIE	9
MCMANUS, MICHAEL & LISA	10
LLOYD, MELVIN & JOANN	11
WILVER, JERRY & CHERYL	14
STAHLNECKER, DAVID & CHARLENE	15
SHELLENBERGER, PAUL & KAREN	22

BIRTHDAYS

PEGGY FULLMER	1	CARMEN CLAYTON	13
MILANIA YOUNG	1	MARETTA PICK	13
JORDAN FREY	2	JULIE BLANTON	15
IAN HILNER	2	EDDIE REYNOLDS	15
AUDREY KURTZ	2	ANGELA CLARK	16
KATHRYN HUMMEL	3	EDITH NOAKER	16
MATT BAKER	4	LENNY YOCUM	16
JENNIFER HOFFMAN	4	JEAN YOUNT	16
EDNA WALTER	5	BENJAMIN FREY	17
JANE WEAVER	5	DANA THOMAS	17
ADDISON GRACE BAKER	8	BARRY KEEFER	22
JOHN FULTZ	8	GAVIN DOANE	24
JANET LEE	9	JONNY GOOD	24
MATTHEW MITCH	9	JUDITH HARTMAN	24
DIANA PTASZKOWSKI	9	THOMAS EISLEY	25
ADAM SLOTHER	9	RUTH CHRISMER	27
MELISSA FAULKINER	10	CHARLIE COUP	27
DEBBIE HAULMAN	11	GLORIA McSWAIN	27
GARY NAPP	11	TAEN PHILLIPS	28
AMARA ANDERSON	12	JESSE VINCENT	28
LAURA REICHNER	12	CRAIG RICHIE	29

February


2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am Children's Choir Practice *Communion *Fellowship Meal after church	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest 7:00pm Admin Council			7:15pm Choir		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10am Children's Choir Practice	4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest	6:00pm SPPR Mtg 7:00pm Trustee Mtg	Ash Wednesday 7pm Service open to Cluster / Community	6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir		
18 1st Sunday in Lent	19	20	21	22	23	24
10am Children's Choir Practice	10am Cluster Lenten Study @ Bethany 4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		Noon@ First Presbyterian Soup & the Word Newsletter Article Deadline	7:15pm Choir		All Day Rental Kitchen, Gym & Social Hall
25 2nd Sunday in Lent	26	27	28	29		
9am Visitation Ministry Class 10am Children's Choir Practice	10am Cluster Lenten Study @ Bethany 4:00-4:45pm Community Harvest		9:00am Mail Newsletter Noon@ First Presbyterian Soup & the Word	6:00pm Girl Scouts 7:15pm Choir		
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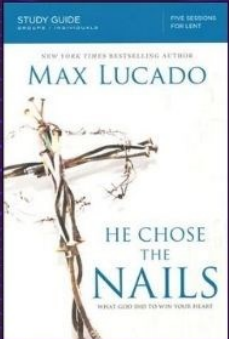
Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 8:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday – Please Call First
 Church Office: 570-742-2000 ext. 300
 Noah's Ark: 570-742-8951



Ash Wednesday Service
 Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 7:00pm
 St. Andrew's UMC, Milton – Milton Ministerium Invited & All Are Welcome

Cluster Lenten Study
 RSVP with Office to receive information on obtaining a book.

When: Starts Monday, Feb. 19th @ 10am
Where: Bethany UMC, Milton
What: Max Lucado "He Chose the Nails"



Soup and the Word 2024



Join us for:

- devotion
- fellowship
- soup
- celebration

During Lent with the Milton Ministerium meeting weekly at First Presbyterian, Milton PA

Wednesday at 12 Noon
 February 21, 28
 March 7, 14, 21, 28

Upholding our Members in Prayer

In keeping with HIPPA privacy regulations, we list only the names of
Members and active Attendees who agree to be listed.



*Please help us keep the list updated with additions, removals
and any corrections by contacting the church office. Thank You!*

Pastor Mark Brumbach	Jane Lentz	Dale & Lou Ann Sheets
Diane Delcamp	Richard & Gloria McSwain	Fred Simon
Jeff Diggan	Aaron Merwin	Sylvia Smith
Ruth Eisley	Gary Mitchell	Glenn & Ida Snyder
Larry Emery	Devynn Napp-Barker	Marion Steese
Linda Emery	Sean Neilson (Navy)	Pastor Michael Stine
David Everitt (Navy)	Edith Noaker	Sharon Wert
Marlene Fama	Helen Phillips	Kathy & Gary Wieand
Peggy Fullmer	Judy Pursell	Richard Winter
Don Geiger	Fred Ranck	Shirley "Sis" Yocum
Sylvia Hendricks	Robert Riehl	Bob Zartman
Denise Larsen	Michael S. Royer	Emma Zeager & Family
Janet Lee	Bonnie Rute	

Celebration Villa (Lewisburg) - Shirley Wilver

Milton N&R - Mary Scholl, Lois Wagner, Ward Walter

Riverwoods - Nancy Stahlnecker, Edna Walter

Watson town N&R - Peg Cravatt, Lucille Zellers

Missionaries we support and their missions.

Red Bird Mission

James and Bernice Keech – Board of Global Missions

Sierra Leone Initiative: Partner Church

– Zimmi United Methodist and Pastor Dominic Kanu

Dr. Christiana Hena and her ministry with Healthy Women/Healthy Liberia.

Prayer Chain - Please Call:

Mercy Gray - 570-701-7948

Edith Noaker - 570-742-4756

Changes to printed list should be given to the office

Note of Gratitude:

To My Wonderful Church Family,

This is late getting written to you all. Some of you went above and beyond to help me with the many things I needed done. I hope you know how much that was appreciated. Again, Pastor Michael had a wonderful service for Corey. The team put together a great meal. I thank them for that. For all the cards, food and phone calls that meant so much. It has been a difficult time for me losing both Frankie and Corey so close. I have trouble many days trying to understand why... but, I'm sure someday I will know the answer. They both were amazing people. For my fall with "Bella", the Doctor said it will take three months for healing of my face. She was part of Corey. She brings me joy and messes but I love her. Again, Thank you to everyone.

In Christian Love,

Sharon Wert & Bella



Those Recently Lost:

Dale Murray - October 31, 2023

Betty Hillsey - December 29, 2023

Randy Coup - January 3, 2024

Elizabeth Zerbe - January 17, 2024

VOLUNTEERS SERVING — February 2024

Ushers

David Stahl, Chief	
Jeff Diggan	Deborah Simon
Samuel Haulman	Barry Bowers, Jr.
Dan Baker	Richard Snyder

Altar Stewards

Mary Richie and Cindy Snyder

GREETERS

4	Marion Smith
11	Scott & Michelle McElwee
18	Arnie Wilver
25	Terry & Mona Napp

LOVE PATROL

4	Lisa McManus & Jim Neuer
11	Sandee Stitely & Barry Bowers, Jr.
18	Leslie Porter & Sam Haulman
25	Krissy Lytle & Michael Porter

Financial Stewards

Mercy Gray, Debbie Haulman and David Miller

ACOLYTES

4	Alivia Ritenour
11	Jane Wertz
18	Layla Richie
25	Kinlee Lytle

Church Volunteers



CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

4	Debbie Haulman & Crystal Wertz
11	Lauren Richie & Krissy Lytle
18	Michelle McElwee & Nate Richie
25	Lara Dick & Danielle Kraus

CHILDREN'S MINUTE

4	Pastor Michael
11	Jonathan Dick
18	Michael Porter
25	Lauren Richie

Financial Picture

2023	Dec. 2023	Year-to -date totals
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Budgeted	23,953.69	287,444.20
Receipts (Incl. loan from Cap Impr. Acct)	18,160.28	247,848.91
Expenditures	19,273.96	254,467.54
<u>MISSION</u>		
Budgeted	4,373.95	52,487.31
Receipts	5,839.91	40,767.28
Expenditures	1,989.71	44,570.88
<u>FAITH PROMISE (non-budget)</u>		
Receipts	95.00	1,425.00
Expenditures	325.00	2,484.00
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</u>		
Budgeted	0.00	0.00
Receipts	3.28	1,795.25
Expenditures (loan to current fund)	0.00	8,500.00
<u>TRUSTEE</u>		
Budgeted	3,341.64	40,100.00
Receipts	10,813.87	21,274.59
Expenditures	1,156.32	36,832.49
Rally Day Receipts (non-budget)	0.00	255.00
<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		
Budgeted	595.83	7,150.00
Receipts	236.44	4,912.63
Expenditures	535.77	4,710.45
Total Budget		
	32,265.11	387,181.51
Total Receipts		
	35,148.78	318,023.66
Total Expenditures		
	23,280.76	351,565.36

2023 Contribution Statements not picked up in person were mailed on January 22, 2024. If you have any questions, please call the office.